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SUBJECT: KOREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOUNDATION

1. DR. DEWEY D. RYU (CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, KOREA ADVANCED INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE), WHOM EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTING REGARDING KOREA SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FOUNDATION (KSEF) AFFAIRS, SAYS HE ANTICIPATES KOREANS WILL AGREE TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, MAY 24 SIGNING IN SEOUL, AND SUBSEQUENT JOINT STAFF MEETING AS DESCRIBED IN BARTOCHA'S LETTERS TO SCIATT STELLA MARCH 24 AND APRIL 21.

2. AS BARTOCHA IS AWARE, ROKG HAS NOT YET OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED KSEF. RYU POINTS OUT THIS FACT PREVENTS HIM FROM MAKING OFFICIAL COMMITMENT ON ANY OF ABOVE POINTS. HOWEVER, HE ADVISES ON BASIS OF PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION INCLUDING CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HE TECHNOLOGY (MOST) OFFICIALS THAT U.S. SIDE CAN BE CONFIDENT KSEF WILL COME INTO EXISTENCE SOON, AND THAT WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR MAY AND JULY EVENTS. RYU ADDS AGREEMENT WITH BARTOCHA (APRIL 21 LETTER) THAT MOST COULD SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING JUST AS WELL AS KSEF.

3. RYU ASSUMES U.S. GUESTS IN MAY WILL BE BARTOCHA, O'CONNELL, UNCLASSIFIED

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ANDSASHBY, AND THAT DR. WILKE'S GROUP OF SCIENTISTS STILL PLANS TO ARRIVE IN JULY OR AUGUST. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT.

4. EMBASSY HAS MADE SINGLE ROOM RESERVATIONS AT CHOSUN HOTEL FOR O'CONNELL MAY 22-25, AND FOR BARTOCHA AND ASHBY MAY 23-25. SNEIDER

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